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Memorandum

To: Workers' Compensation System Participants

From: Tracey Beaver, Director of the Office of Workers' Compensation Counsel

Date: July 31, 2014

Subject: Informal Rules: 28 TAC Chapter 134, Benefits—Guidelines for Medical Services, Charges, and Payments, §§134.802, concerning Definitions, 134.803, concerning Reporting Standards, 134.804, concerning Reporting Requirements, 134.805, concerning Records Required to be Reported, 134.807, concerning State Specific Requirements, and 134.808, concerning Insurance Carrier EDI Compliance Coordinator and Trading Partners.

Informal Tables to be Adopted by Reference: Texas EDI Medical Data Element Requirement Table, Version 2.0, the Texas EDI Medical Data Element Edits Table, Version 2.0, and the Texas EDI Medical Difference Table, Version 3.0.

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) is accepting comment on:

(1) Informal rules to amend 28 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 134 regarding Benefits—Guidelines for Medical Services, Charges, and Payments, §§134.802, concerning Definitions, 134.803, concerning Reporting Standards, 134.804, concerning Reporting Requirements, 134.805, concerning Records Required to be Reported, 134.807, concerning State Specific Requirements, and 134.808, concerning Insurance Carrier EDI Compliance Coordinator and Trading Partners. The rules clarify the data that carriers must accurately report to the Division to maintain the statewide database of medical charges, actual payments, and treatment protocols required by Labor Code §413.007 and §413.008.

(2) Informal tables to be adopted by reference: Texas EDI Medical Data Element Requirement Table, Version 2.0, the Texas EDI Medical Data Element Edits Table, Version 2.0, and the Texas EDI Medical Difference Table, Version 3.0. These tables are updated to outline the data to be submitted to the Division and the format in which the data must be reported.

The purpose of the informal rules is to provide clarification of existing medical EDI data reporting requirements for system participants to improve data reporting quality and compliance. The informal rules also clarify how compound medications should be reported via EDI, provide requested guidance regarding the reporting of multiple diagnoses and expand the data reporting of diagnosis related group codes for inpatient hospital bills.

The informal rules and tables were posted on July 31, 2014 and may be viewed on the TDI website at <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/rules/drafts.html>. The comment period on the informal rule closes September 1, 2014 at 5 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST).

This informal working draft is not a formal rule proposal. Accordingly, comments will not be treated as formal public comments for the purposes of the Administrative Procedure Act. In addition to commenting on this informal rule, there will be the opportunity to formally comment once the rules are proposed and published in the *Texas Register*. The informal working draft may contain drafting notes and formatting which will be changed as necessary to comply with the *Texas Register* formatting.

Comments may be submitted by e-mailing InformalRuleComments@tdi.texas.gov or by mailing or delivering the comments to:

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